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(a) (1) The county commissioners or county council of a county may cooperate, consistent with this subtitle, for the construction or reconstruction of hospitals or related facilities by contributing up to one-third of the cost of any hospital or related facility.

(2) To pay the county contribution under this subsection, the county commissioners or county council may:

(i) use general fund revenues of the county; or

(ii) within the limits of any restriction on the borrowing power of the county, issue bonds, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness, pledging the full faith and credit of the county to the payment of principal of and interest on the bonds, notes, or evidence of indebtedness.

(3) For the purposes of this subsection, the Secretary of Health, as the sole unit to represent the State, shall cooperate with the county.

(b) (1) The County Commissioners of Kent County may cooperate, consistent with this subtitle, for the construction of a nursing home or related facilities by contributing up to one-third of the cost of the nursing home or related facilities.

(2) A nursing home constructed under this subsection shall have at least 25 beds.

(3) To pay the county contribution under this subsection, the county commissioners may:

(i) use general fund revenues of the county; or

(ii) within the limits of any restriction on the borrowing power of the county, issue bonds, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness, pledging the full faith and credit of the county to the payment of principal of and interest on the bonds, notes, or evidence of indebtedness.

(4) For the purposes of this subsection, the Secretary of Health, as the sole unit to represent the State, shall cooperate with the county commissioners.

(c) (1) The County Commissioners of Somerset County shall cooperate, consistent with this subtitle, for the construction of a nursing home hospital or related facilities by contributing up to \$200,000 of the cost of any nursing home hospital or related facilities.

(2) A nursing home hospital constructed under this subsection shall:

- (i) have 60 beds;
- (ii) be located in the town of Crisfield, on the same grounds as McCready Hospital;
- (iii) have a corridor connecting it to McCready Hospital; and
- (iv) be known as the Alice Byrd Tawes Nursing Home.

(3) To pay the county contribution under this subsection, the county commissioners may:

- (i) use general fund revenues of the county; or
- (ii) within the limits of any restriction on the borrowing power of the county, issue bonds, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness, pledging the full faith and credit of the county to the payment of principal of and interest on the bonds, notes, or evidence of indebtedness.

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